

**Union Calendar No. 326**

104<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

**H. R. 3458**

**[Report No. 104-647]**

To increase, effective as of December 1, 1996, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans.

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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

MAY 15, 1996

Mr. EVERETT (for himself, Mr. STUMP, Mr. MONTGOMERY, and Mr. EVANS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

JUNE 27, 1996

Additional sponsors: Mr. WELLER, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. TEJEDA, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, Mr. MASCARA, Mr. FLANAGAN, Mr. STEARNS, and Mr. HUTCHINSON

JUNE 27, 1996

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union  
and ordered to be printed

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
 2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Veterans’ Compensa-  
 5       tion Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 1996”.

6       **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN RATES OF DISABILITY COMPENSA-**  
 7                       **TION AND DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY**  
 8                       **COMPENSATION.**

9       (a) RATE ADJUSTMENT.—The Secretary of Veterans  
 10       Affairs shall, effective on December 1, 1996, increase the  
 11       dollar amounts in effect for the payment of disability com-  
 12       pensation and dependency and indemnity compensation by  
 13       the Secretary, as specified in subsection (b).

14       (b) AMOUNTS TO BE INCREASED.—The dollar  
 15       amounts to be increased pursuant to subsection (a) are  
 16       the following:

17               (1) COMPENSATION.—Each of the dollar  
 18       amounts in effect under section 1114 of title 38,  
 19       United States Code.

20               (2) ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR DEPEND-  
 21       ENTS.—Each of the dollar amounts in effect under  
 22       section 1115(1) of such title.

23               (3) CLOTHING ALLOWANCE.—The dollar  
 24       amount in effect under section 1162 of such title.

1           (4) NEW DIC RATES.—The dollar amounts in  
2       effect under paragraphs (1) and (2) of section  
3       1311(a) of such title.

4           (5) OLD DIC RATES.—Each of the dollar  
5       amounts in effect under section 1311(a)(3) of such  
6       title.

7           (6) ADDITIONAL DIC FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES  
8       WITH MINOR CHILDREN.—The dollar amount in ef-  
9       fect under section 1311(b) of such title.

10          (7) ADDITIONAL DIC FOR DISABILITY.—The  
11       dollar amounts in effect under sections 1311(c) and  
12       1311(d) of such title.

13          (8) DIC FOR DEPENDENT CHILDREN.—The  
14       dollar amounts in effect under sections 1313(a) and  
15       1314 of such title.

16       (c) DETERMINATION OF PERCENTAGE INCREASE.—  
17   (1) The increase under subsection (a) shall be made in  
18   the dollar amounts specified in subsection (b) as in effect  
19   on November 30, 1996. Each such amount shall be in-  
20   creased by the same percentage as the percentage by  
21   which benefit amounts payable under title II of the Social  
22   Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 et seq.) are increased effec-  
23   tive December 1, 1996, as a result of a determination  
24   under section 215(i) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)).

1       (2) In the computation of increased dollar amounts  
2 pursuant to paragraph (1), any amount which as so com-  
3 puted is not an even multiple of \$1 shall be rounded to  
4 the next lower whole dollar amount.

5       (d) SPECIAL RULE.—The Secretary may adjust ad-  
6 ministratively, consistent with the increases made under  
7 subsection (a), the rates of disability compensation pay-  
8 able to persons within the purview of section 10 of Public  
9 Law 85–857 (72 Stat. 1263) who are not in receipt of  
10 compensation payable pursuant to chapter 11 of title 38,  
11 United States Code.

12 **SEC. 3. PUBLICATION OF ADJUSTED RATES.**

13       At the same time as the matters specified in section  
14 215(i)(2)(D) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
15 415(i)(2)(D)) are required to be published by reason of  
16 a determination made under section 215(i) of such Act  
17 during fiscal year 1996, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs  
18 shall publish in the Federal Register the amounts specified  
19 in section 2(b), as increased pursuant to section 2.

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